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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
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December 18, 2000

Ms. Leslie Hotaling, Interim Director
Department of Public Works
2000 14th Street, N.W., 6th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Ms. Hotaling:

Enclosed is our final *Report of Inspection of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Solid Waste Management Administration*. Comments from DPW on the 66 findings and 103 recommendations by the inspection team are included in the report. I want to express my appreciation for the thoroughness and clarity of your comments and their smooth integration into our draft.

Also enclosed are *Compliance Forms* on which to record and report to this office any actions you have taken concerning each outstanding recommendation. These forms will assist you in tracking the completion of action(s) taken by your staff, and will assist this office in its inspection follow-up activities. We track agency compliance with all agreed-upon recommendations made in our reports of inspection. We request that you and your administrators establish response dates on the forms and advise us of those dates so we can enter them on our copies of the *Compliance Forms*. We know that in some instances, things beyond your control such as budget decisions impact on trying to set specific deadlines. We request, however, that you assign *target dates* based on whatever knowledge and experience you have about a particular issue. Please ensure that the *Compliance Forms* are returned to the OIG by the response date, and that reports of "Agency Action Taken" reflect actual completion, in whole or in part, of a recommended action rather than "planned" action.

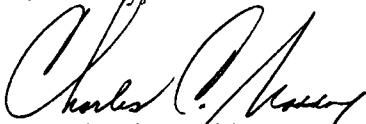
We appreciate the cooperation shown by you and your employees during the inspection. We hope to continue in a cooperative relationship during the upcoming follow-up period.

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If you have questions or require assistance in the course of complying with our recommendations, please contact me or Alvin Wright, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations at (202) 727-5052.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles C. Maddox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being more prominent.

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Enclosure

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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| BRTS | Benning Road Transfer Station |
| DCMR | District of Columbia Municipal Regulations |
| DCRA | Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs |
| DPW | Department of Public Works |
| FTTS | Fort Totten Transfer Station |
| OSH | Office of Occupational Safety and Health |
| SAC | Street and Alley Cleaning Division |
| SWCD | Solid Waste Collection Division |
| SWEEP | Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program |
| SWMA | Solid Waste Management Administration |
| SWRC | Solid Waste Reduction Center |

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